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## **Remember to get your 2012 Town dog licenses**

### **Licensing your dog is safe, smart and... it's the law!**

Town dog licenses for 2012 are now available at the utilities billing window at Town Hall, located at 170 MacGregor Avenue. Licenses are also available at Animal Medical Center of Estes Park at 1260 Manford Avenue and Animal Hospital of the Rockies at 453 Pine River Lane. Owners with dogs who reside within the Town limits are required by the Estes Park Municipal Code to maintain a current dog license, as well as to maintain a current rabies vaccination through a veterinarian.

The fee for a Town license is \$5 for each spayed or neutered dog. The fee for each unaltered dog is \$15. Owners must provide the rabies vaccination registration number that was provided with the vaccination. A tag will be issued with the Town license which must be attached to the dog's collar at all times. Owners that neglect to license their dogs with the Town face the prospect of a \$40 citation for each unlicensed animal.

Dog licensing provides several important community health and safety benefits, including:

- Faster reunification of lost pets with their owners, reducing animal stress and health and safety risks
- Reduced sheltering needs and lower euthanasia rates
- Improved ability to plan and deliver animal services because the size, type and location of the dog population is known
- Improved ability to enforce Town ordinances because owners can be identified and held accountable for the behavior of their animal

Larimer County requires that dogs living in unincorporated areas of the county maintain current rabies vaccination as well as a Larimer County pet license. For more information on county licenses, please visit [www.larimer.org/clerk/pet\\_licenses.htm](http://www.larimer.org/clerk/pet_licenses.htm). For more information on Town dog licenses, contact the Estes Park Police Department at 970-586-4000 or visit [www.estes.org](http://www.estes.org). To receive Town news in your email inbox, please email [townadmin@estes.org](mailto:townadmin@estes.org).

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